(b) how they appreciate the rise in the graph since the present depression began;

(c) their detailed impression of the part economic conditions of society play in the causation of crime;

(d) whether they are aware that an equitable distribution of wealth will automatically drive down the crime-chart;

(e) how they intend to materialise the suggestion above?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) A chart of grave crimes is appended. (*Appendix XVI.*)

(b) The graph does not seem to Government to indicate any connection between the increase in grave crime and the present depression.

(c) It is impossible to give a definite reply.

(d) No.

(e) The question does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the whole question am I to understand that the answer is given on the strength of the First False Information Report or as a result of mature enquiry?

Deputy President.—You have put so many questions. You may put supplementary questions on a, b, c and e, and not on the whole question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Let it be (a).

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is answered. A statement is given which is from the figures in my office.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(c) Is it possible to give a definite reply?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— It is not possible.

Competition—Private business.

252. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what they have done in the past to regulate cut-throat competition among the various departments of private business in the State;

(b) what they intend to do with reference to (a);

(c) whether they conform to any long-winded idea of non-interference in private business;

(d) whether they are aware that the harm to the public suggested by (c) can best be solved by ending the species of private business and that their unwillingness both for communalising industries and for interfering with private industries for considerations of greater public good throws them into a vicious circle, where in their term Government has no connotation whatsoever?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) There has been no definite occasion for any regulation.

(b) If there is occasion Government may advise private business to form associations among themselves for stopping such competition.

(c) As far as possible private business is being left without outside interference.

(d) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) When will a definite occasion arise in the anticipation of the good member?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—So far no case of cut-throat competition has been brought to my notice. When a case is brought I will certainly enquire.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thank you. (b, c and d). Am I to understand that regulating private business on the part of the Government will serve no public good?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—At the present moment it is no use on venturing upon legislation.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you consider it again?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly.

Resolutions—Methala Panchayat.

253. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number and nature of resolutions forwarded by the Methala Panchayat ever since it was newly constituted, with dates;

(b) which of (a) have been accepted and which disallowed by the Government, with dates;

(c) which of the accepted of (b) have been already worked out, with dates;

(d) whether the Methala Panchayat represents the type of treatment the Panchayats of the State are receiving at the hands of Government?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The Panchayat was newly constituted on 12th Thulam 1107 when Mr. Panaparambil Kunhipocker Kutty was elected as the President of the Panchayat. Since then no resolution have been forwarded.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer to (a).

(d) Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—(a) Am I to understand that the large number of resolutions of the Methala Panchayat have never been submitted to the Panchayat Registrar?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The answer is there.

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